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## ALL CANDIDATES WITHDRAW

### Vice-Presidential Election Fiasco Pressure Put On Delegates Says Li

Nanking, Apr. 25.

Wild confusion and disorder reigned in the National Assembly this morning when loudly-protesting delegates clamoured for a continuation of the vice-presidential elections on learning that both Generals Li Tsung-jen and Cheng Chien had withdrawn.

As delegates chanted "We want an election", confusion was worse confounded when the office of Dr. Sun Fo announced that Sun had also withdrawn from the race, thus creating a dilemma for the presidium.

These developments arose after thousands of handbills were circulated last night in the capital charging that General Li Tsung-jen planned a coup d'état following the elections and also that he planned to force Chiang Kai-shek to

worthless, childish propaganda. He also announced that in view of the withdrawal from the vice-presidential campaign of Generals Li Tsung-jen and Cheng Chien, he felt compelled to do the same. General Cheng Chien announced his withdrawal from the race last night after the results of the second ballot had put him out of the running; thus fulfilling general expectations that he would not put the country into unnecessary expense.

General Li Tsung-jen's withdrawal from the elections was announced in a letter to the presidium of the National Assembly in which he said: "The motive for my running for the vice-presidency is to assist the head of the state to carry out constitutional government and political reform and save the country from the critical situation facing it.

"It was previously decided by the Kuomintang that the election would be free.

### "Employed Pressure"

"Judging from the results of the two ballots in which I received most votes I am assured that my platform has won general support and also the will of the people.

"But recently I have discovered that some people have employed pressure and control over delegates in the name of the Kuomintang, rendering the delegates unable to exercise the right to vote according to their own free will.

"This control is not only against the Generalissimo's instructions but is also contrary to democratic procedure which would quickly destroy the foundation of constitutional government—a fact which I bitterly regret.

"Since the motive of my campaign is to serve my country I never calculated my own personal gain; but in view of these unpleasant developments my campaign has lost its original meaning."

"Therefore I formally notify you that I will abandon my campaign for election."

In both first and second ballots General Li Tsung-jen, director of the Generalissimo's headquarters in Peking, had polled more than 200 votes over his nearest rival Dr. Sun Fo, president of the Legislative Yuan.

Despite this President Chiang Kai-shek mobilised all the Kuomintang strength for Sun Fo, General Li's spokesman charged today.

He said that General Li was "certain to win if he stayed in the race and that would reveal the weakness of the Generalissimo."

Sun Fo announced his withdrawal after an interview with the Generalissimo.

### Election To Continue

Nanking, Apr. 25.

The Central Committee of the Kuomintang under the chairmanship of President Chiang Kai-shek declared tonight that all three members will contest the vice-presidential elections. No date was given as this must be decided by the Presidium.

Smiling, Dr. Sun Fo told the three men to change their minds.

"Under the Constitution, we (meaning General Li Tsung-jen, General Cheng Chien and himself) cannot withdraw our nomination."

Asked the motive for his withdrawal from the vice-presidential race, Dr. Sun Fo said: "I followed the others". He discounted reports of a party split.

Observers here interpret Dr. Sun's jubilation as a sign that President Chiang and the party have confirmed his nomination and he was now assured of full party backing, Reuters reported.

Associated Press says the central executive committee decided after two-hour debate to name six prominent Chinese, including Premier Chiang Chien, to persuade

### Red Siege Lifted

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

The lifting of the month-long Communist siege of Luchuan, 60 miles south of Yenan, by Government columns, and Communist penetration into the northeast Shantung railway city of Weihaiwei after repeated attacks were highlights of the civil war frontier reports today.

Luchuan is said to have been saved by the same Nationalist divisions which evacuated Yenan a few days ago.

These forces are now advancing on Chungku, about 20 miles to the south-west, where the Communists are alleged to be plundering and burning prior to withdrawing.

In Shantung Red columns secured a hold inside Weihaiwei after their heavy artillery had opened a large gap in the city wall.

Pro-Government despatches today made no attempt to conceal alarm at the reinforcements rushing to the rescue of the defender from both ends of the Tsingtao-Tsinan railway might not arrive in time.

Both these Nationalist forces are said to be meeting stiff opposition all along the way.

Meanwhile the comparatively long lull in Manchuria is expected to be broken soon with the reported arrival of about 10,000 Communist troops at a village only 15 miles west of Changchun and another column of several thousand at a railway station some 10 miles north of the Manchurian capital.

The latter force is said to be mostly newly trained soldiers fresh from Tatslhar, a Communist base north of Sungari River.—Reuter-AAF.

### Naval Cadets On Strike

Rochester, Apr. 24.

About 50 naval cadets today clamored over the side and ran away from their training ship "Arethusa" while an inquiry was being held on board into a "protest" march which was staged yesterday by about a hundred cadets.

One cadet shouted "We are on strike" as they broke away through a nearby village by the river Medway, where "Arethusa" is moored.

The breakaway was staged while a committee headed by Admiral Lord Tovey, was inquiring into yesterday's protest march through the town of Medway against the food in "Arethusa" and "petty restrictions and punishment."

An officer of "Arethusa" said: "Whether I run for election or not, no one can order me."

In an earlier statement issued last night following an audience with the Generalissimo, Cheng Chien indicated that he was not running further.—Reuter-AAF.

### ARAB KING TO VISIT PALESTINE

Cairo, Apr. 25.

The newspaper "Ahrar" quoted King Abdullah today as saying that he soon will visit his Transjordan forces in Palestine.

"The Transjordan forces in Palestine," Abdullah told the "Ahrar's" special correspondent, "will carry on with their duties and I plan to visit them in Palestine within the course of the next few days."

The monarch added, he also intended to visit the Arab liberation army in the Holy Land.—United Press.

### NEW WOOL FINISH

London, Apr. 25.

Two British companies have perfected a new, unshrinkable wool finish that can be used for knitted and woven fabric. Ernest T. Walker, Chairman of Wolsey, Ltd., said his company worked with a company in Derbyshire in developing the process.

Representatives of the Brixham Agency announced that a commercial agreement had been concluded with the Agency and that negotiations were proceeding for similar agreements with Great Britain and Italy.—Reuter.

### PICTURE OF THE DAY

### Silver Wedding



An intimate picture of Their Majesties the King and Queen who-to-day celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

### Royal Silver Wedding Precautions

London, Apr. 25.

Police today made a careful examination of the flag-bedecked route along which King George and Queen Elizabeth will travel from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral tomorrow.

Iron guard rails were placed around the front of the Cathedral. Detectives lifted the covers of electricity, telephone and water installations along the route and in adjacent roads and inspected the cavities.—Reuter.

### U.S. Honour For Former H.K. Journalist

Nanking, Apr. 25.

Mr. David C. H. Lu, Chief of Central News Washington Bureau and former chief of Central News Hong Kong Bureau, will be the recipient of the University of Missouri's honourable journalism medal on May 7 at a special ceremony to be held at the University of Columbus, Missouri.

Mr. Lu will be the second recipient of the honours in China from the University of Missouri, the first having been awarded to the Tu Kang Pao in 1941 for the paper's distinction in the field of journalism.

Between 1932 and 1937 he served as Reuter correspondent in Shanghai and editor of the China Press. In that year also he joined the staff of Central News.

Shortly after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war, Mr. Lu was dispatched to Hong Kong to head the newly founded Hong Kong bureau of Central News. In 1940, he was assigned to Washington as the agency's chief correspondent—Central News.

Conditions in Peiping, he said, were reminiscent of life in Germany during the reign of the dreaded Gestapo. Almost every day, raids were carried out in the early morning hours by secret police and thousands of citizens had mysteriously disappeared during the past few months.

He spoke of one occasion when a man and his wife were arrested at about 3 a.m. on the pretext that they were Red sympathizers.

The woman, who had recently given birth to a child, asked for permission to take her baby with her to jail as she was feeding the child and as it would die without her care and attention. Permission was refused, and she was told:

"One dead Red baby is good for China. It means one less Communist to kill later on". The baby was left unattended as the mother and father were taken away.

He felt that it was unfortunate

that the liberal and democratic-minded persons in China were so lamentably ill-organized.

Ninety per cent of Peiping's population wanted to see the liberals in power. But they had no means to establish themselves against the military power of the Kuomintang and the Communists.

Never in a lifetime, spent in China, he said, the ex-Peking resident had seen so beautiful a city in such a state of unrest and chaos. The Peiping so dearly loved by the intelligentsia of pre-war China was locked in the limbo of the past. He doubted if it would ever return again.

He said that the Chinese

people were mostly well-to-do business men and their families.

The remainder of the population had to stay and stick it out.

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## "Path Still Winds Uphill"-Dean Rose

"The last war has taken more out of us than most of us imagined, and now that the first relief and exhaustion over victory has died away, we see that the path ahead still winds uphill," said Dean Rose in the course of his sermon at the Cathedral yesterday on the occasion of St. George's Day.

Among those present were His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham.

The First Lesson was read by His Excellency while Mr. C. C. Roberts read the Second.

Dean Rose said, in part:

### Has A Destiny

"There is still an undercurrent of thankfulness to God but we are still a little inclined to any outburst of national self assertion or imperialism. We are now anxious about our national future and ... about the present."

"This morning what I want to consider is this: Putting away all delusion, is there any belief with which we can cheerfully face both the present and the future of our national life? The answer is, yes, the fact is that God has a destiny for ourselves and our nation."

"A divine, national destiny. Yes, but is it true? Is there a pattern in history which will support this belief? People turned with earnestness to interpretations of history, and find Toynbee more encouraging after this war than they found Speigle after the last war."

### With One Voice

"But in the end we find our best evidence in pondering the words of the Old Testament and Prophets, in the more complete version of the New Testament.

Abraham, the pioneer, Moses the lawgiver, David the king, Isaiah the prophet, all speak with one voice: God rules the nations. He appoints their destiny by obedience to His purpose they live or die. "Such was the prophetic tradition in which Jesus stood. He, like us, loved his nation, the good it stood for, and He wished it well. But to Him it fell to live at the final crisis of her national destiny."

"Our nation cannot live forever. But what we receive from God, we brought into the shape he wanted, will go on living and growing. What we have put into the body of God's family of nations by the aid of God's creative spirit will be caught up into God's eternal purpose and never perish."

### RUSSIANS CLAIM BALLOON RECORD

London, Apr. 23. A Tass dispatch broadcast by Radio Moscow today claimed two Russian women created a new balloon endurance for women.

The dispatch said Lyubov Ivanova and Zoya Toko stayed in their balloon USSR SP-73 for 32 hours and 45 minutes in the air.

The balloon was of the fourth category, it said, and the record it set up stands for all balloons exceeding 1,600 cubic meter capacity.—United Press.

## Political Battle For Haifa Being Waged

Haifa, Apr. 24.

The bullet-battle for Haifa has ended but a political battle between the Jews and Arabs is raging. Arab leaders have ordered the complete evacuation of the city and the Jews realize that it will be a terrific political defeat for the Jews if the Arabs succeed.

During negotiations for peace, the Jews begged the Arabs to stay in the city but Arab leaders ordered evacuation. During the battle and the first day after the battle, the Arabs needed no urging. They poured out of the city by the panic-stricken thousands, abandoning their homes, belongings and everything.

But yesterday, as the city was almost quiet, the exodus was perceptibly slowed. Today, it is much slower and the police even reported that some Arabs were already on their way back. The Arabs said they were only coming to procure more belongings but if the situation remains quiet many Arabs will stay regardless of the evacuation orders. Many were heard in the streets to say that they are going to stay. There is where the political battle comes in.

Jewish leaders are openly travelling about the Arab city talking to Arab leaders still here, trying to argue them into staying. Arab leaders who realize what is at stake are working equally hard to keep the evacuation spirit going.

From appearances today, the Arabs will lose this political battle as they lost the other battle on Wednesday. In the old Arab city, which is firmly occupied by the Jews today, Arabs are openly seen in the streets talking with the Jews for the first time in five months.

In addition, the Arabs were humanly reluctant to leave their homes and belongings, thus giving a big strike against the Arab leaders. A few bullets flying about would help but the only sounds in the city today were sounds of trams.

Jews privately admitted now that their men were partly out of hand during and shortly after the battle and there was some looting and some shooting of civilians, but over this is in hand now.

### Pitiful Scenes

The port scene today was pitiful. Women and small children have been almost without food and water for more than two

His better-half-four

## JAP. COTTON TEXTILE TRADE LOOKS BETTER FOR STERLING AREAS

Tokyo, Apr. 25.

The first evidence of expanding American aid for Japan became visible the past week in Nippon's vital textile industry.

The second move came shortly after the return to Washington of Army Under-Secretary William Draper, Jr., who said here recently the United States would assist Japan to ease the continuing burden on the American taxpayer.

The first move came on April 22 when the United States Export-Import Bank announced it would participate with an American banking combine in extending US\$60,000,000 loan to SCAP for purchasing American cotton for Japanese processing and sale.

This came at a time when stocks of raw cotton were running low and more supplies, as one SCAP source said, were in urgent needs.

Government would be officially clarified shortly.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman pointed out that China had not withdrawn her recognition, the continuance of which was most probably.

Only the French Government has so far recognised the new Siamese Cabinet.—Reuter.

## Tribute To United States

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

A high Siamese authority told Reuter today that the new Siamese Government is fully confident of securing the world powers' recognition "eventually if not immediately."

This authority, who was commenting on the Washington report that the United States Government was adopting the attitude of "watchful waiting" towards the new Songkram Government, described the State Department's announcement as "nothing very startling."

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Edwin F. Stanton, said that the Washington statement "did not indicate any lessening" of United States friendship for Siam.

A British Embassy spokesman said that the British Government

attitude towards the Songkram

Government

was

not

clarified.

Another move came yesterday with news that the Senate had approved a US\$150,000,000 revolving fund to buy the necessary raw materials for occupied areas. Japan hopes to get the bulk of this and to obtain more raw cotton plus other vital supplies.—Associated Press.

## READERS' LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Anti-Confucian Thesis

Sir.—The Woodhead vs. Simple Simon controversy will end in victory to one who sends you his letter last. This simple logic was discovered about 2,000 years ago by a scholar whose school teacher called Confucius too much a moralist. This anti-Confucian thesis is absolutely right.

When Lord Halifax was opposed to the application of sanctions against Italy over the issue of Ethiopia, he insisted that expediency should prevail when in conflict with ideals which we all admired.

Lord Halifax was right because he represented his government which represented his people of this time.

All of us don't want to be reminded that Lord Halifax's people paid heavily for trusting this reader.

And certainly not Mr. Woodhead, who has held the legacy of O.M. Greens and J.O.P. Blaids who would have made China Utopia for all except the few Chinamen, if Downing Street accepted their suggestions.

The Labour Government is apparently not in the mood to take Mr. Woodhead's position. But in Moscow and Washington, Mr. Woodhead has many friends in deed but not in words.

Hold on your beliefs and doubts, Mr. Woodhead and Mr. (Mrs. or Miss) Simple Simon, and you will both win. Just now let us have peace.

HU SUET.

All that's promised may not hold.

Often have you heard that a job has been forgone for that New Code to be born. Here come our guests of old.

Enter Parents and Guardians also awaiting Government decision regarding the fate of the Grant Schools.

Franklet:

To be or not to be; that is the question.

Whether 'is nobler in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune

Or to take steps against this sea of troubles.

And by opposing end them? To die, to sleep?

No more; and by a sleep to say we end

The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks

The flesh is heir to. Yet they promised, 'tis true.

Mikael:

If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.

Franklet:

It's even so! Alack the day.

Bellario:

Hence home, you idle creature,

Get you home,

Comest thou with more petition?

Dost know

We could be well moved, if we were you?

If we could pray to move,

Prayers would move us;

But we are constant as the Northern star.

Or whose true-fix'd and resting

There is no fellow in the firmament.

Unshak'd of motion; yea, that we can be.

Let me a little show it, even in this:

That we were constant Grant Schools.

And constant to remain to keep them so.

Mikael:

If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.

Franklet:

It's strange...

That though the truth of it stands off as gross

As black and white thy eyes shall scarcely see it.

Franklet scans the papers and returns them. Exit Bellario.

Franklet:

O woe! O woe!, woe!, woe!

Most lamentable day, most woe!

That ever, ever, I did yet behold!

O day! O day! O day! O hate!

O day!

Never was seen so black a day as this:

O woe! O woe! O woe!

Beguiled, divorced, wronged,

spilt, slain,

Most detestable Code, by thee beguiled.

By cruel, cruel thee, quite overthrown!

Deplased, distressed, hated,

# HEAVY JEWISH ASSAULT ON ARAB CITY OF JAFFA

Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organization, launched an all-out assault on Jaffa today.

To the south-east, the Arabs took possession of Lydda airfield after the British and Jews withdrew.

The Jewish attack on Jaffa apparently was aimed at its capture. Arab opposition was said to be comparatively weak. The Jews mounted their assault from the neighbouring all-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv.

After the first hour of battle, the Arab stronghold in the village of Abu Kahir on the outskirts of Tel-Aviv, and Jaffa was reported to have fallen.

Irgun then began penetration of the no man's land between the cities.

Subsequently rumours spread that Jaffa Arabs had been presented with a surrender ultimatum.

## Great Preparation

During Friday night, about 100 trucks were taken from and turned mobilized about 2,000 men. Throughout yesterday rumours spread that something was about to happen.

Great preparation was evident along the two cities bordering during last night. The reporters said the attack had been scheduled for last night but had been delayed until morning, apparently because of contact between Irgun and other Jewish militia, Bedouins.

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## RIP KIRBY



## Anzac Wreaths Laid

Anzac Day was commemorated in Hong Kong yesterday with a wreath laying service at the Cenotaph, attended by His Excellency, the Governor, Heads of the Services, Consular representatives and others.

Prayers conducted by Mons.

H. Volotta, Catholic Bishop and the Rev. J. H. O'Brien were followed by the laying of wreaths by His Excellency, Major General E. W. Erskine, G.O.C., the Commodore, in charge, Hong Kong, Major E. de Saule Robert and W. E. Parry (the Anzac Wreath), Mr. H. Hazell (Australian Trade Commissioner), Mr. T. W. Kwok (Chinese Foreign Affairs), the Hon. Agent for the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, the U.K. Trade Commissioner (Mr. Macdonald), Canadian Trade Commissioner (Mr. K. F. Nofield), M.E.D.C. (Col. L. T. Rider), Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia (Col. H. G. Quinn D.S.O.), Australian War Crimes (Lt. Col. S. F. Goddard, D.S.O.), British Legion (Lt. Col. E.J.R. Mitchell, Q.B.E.), Limbless Soldiers (Mr. H. K. Leong), and several personal wreaths.

The band of the Royal Marines was in attendance and detachments of the Royal Navy, Army (Represented by the Gurkhas) and the Royal Air Force were present.

After the "Last Post" had been sounded by the buglers present, a two minute silence was observed. The ceremony concluded with "Reveille" and the National Anthem.

## Pipeline Severed

Bagdad, Apr. 25. The Iraq Petroleum Company's pipeline between Kirkuk, Iraq, and Haifa has ceased to operate.

It was officially stated here to-day.

Engineers and labourers have withdrawn from Haifa, and it was understood that strong armed forces were protecting the line at the Haifa refinery. The line carries 2,000,000 tons of crude oil annually.—Reuters.

## TAIWAN ALCOHOL

Taipei, Apr. 25. The Taiwan Sugar Refinery announced an agreement to supply 75,000 gallons of its by-product alcohol, every month to Hong Kong.—Central News.

## Preparations For Solar Eclipse

Tokyo, Apr. 24. With the bases of the National Geographic Society's eclipse expedition selected and construction started, their problems now are centred in logistics and communications, said J. M. P. Johnston, coordinator for the society in Tokyo. The date of the solar eclipse is May 9.

We'd has been received from Rev. F. J. Heyden, S.J., that his camp of six Americans near Wukang is located some 30 miles in the mountains and is difficult to reach by any means of transportation. The tents were pitched in a pouring rain with the local authorities providing the party with 10 guards.

No mention was made of food or cooking facilities at this camp, but it is presumed the unit is procuring what it needs locally to supplement its dry provisions.

Other units are faring better than the Chinese group, as far as supplies and location are concerned. The party at Mergui, Burma, is composed of five Americans under E. A. Halbach, of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society. It has its own cook from the United States and locally procured supplies are available.

## IN THE STREET, BELOW :

BUT I LIVE HERE! I AIN'T THAT THE DOG I JUST LET OUT? WHERE'S THE DAME?

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Only Contractors on the P.W.D. Major Portworks List or Reputable Timber Merchants will be permitted to tender.

Forms of tender, specification and other particulars may be obtained from the Port Works Office, St. George's Building, 2nd floor, Chater Road.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserves the right to accept all or any part of any tender.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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By Order of the Board,

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Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

#### PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Thomas John Price late of the Republic Bay, Shouson Hill Area in the Colony of Hong Kong, Master, Education Department, Hong Kong, deceased.

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### BURMA

Burma still has its troubles. In spite of the termination of British sovereignty, Britain is not entirely extricated from them. The general strike in Rangoon, followed by rioting and mass arrests of Communists, is a potent reminder of this—if such was needed. Communists, whose forceful and vociferous leader Than Tun is seriously bidding for governmental power, have concentrated their offensive against British-owned companies and have charged the Government of Thakin Nu, dedicated in principle to national independence and Socialism, with the crime of perpetuating capitalism and imperialism.

Socialism in Burma means, in fact, expropriation of the foreigner—British, Indian and Chinese; for there is no question of collectivising land of the Burmese peasants and the number of Burmese who can describe themselves as capitalists is infinitesimal. I made it a condition that Professor Lindemann (now Lord Cherwell) should at least be a member of the Technical Sub-Committee, because I depended upon his aid.

Accordingly for the next four years I attended these meetings, and thus obtained a full view of this vital sphere of our air defence, and built up my ideas upon it year by year in close and constant discussion with Lindemann and from my own military conceptions.

July 23, 1935, I immediately prepared a Memorandum for the Committee which embodied the thought and knowledge I had already gathered, without official information, in my talks and studies with Lindemann and from my own military conceptions.

It seems unlikely that Germany will be in a position before 1937 or 1938 to begin with any hope of success a war of the three Services which might last for years, and in which she would have scarcely any allies. It would appear in such a war the first task of the Anglo-French Air Force should be the breaking-down of enemy communications, their Vladivots, &c., and the maximum disturbance of their assembly zones and munition dumps.

Next in priority come the most accessible factories for their profitable export has hitherto been dependent upon foreign capital, business organisation and technical capacity. It is essential to retain these if production and trade on which the new Burma counts are not to show a disastrous decline. But any government which takes this into account is embarrassed by the fact that there are too many Burmese who believe that these economic activities would still go on automatically as before if all profit-making foreigners were sent packing.

No doubt if Than Tun could come to power by exploiting this belief he would be faced by the same dilemma which worries Thakin Nu. He might forget his Communists and try to keep alive the layer of golden eggs, thus exposing himself to the same repreaches which he now brings against the ruling party.

Alternatively, he might follow the Rumanian Communist example and squeeze out foreign capitalists regardless of economic consequences for the national income. Burma would of course be the poorer (as also would be the world market) and that might cause popular discontent. But as the Communists would naturally introduce their standard methods of opposition, breaking and police control, popular discontent would not be as dangerous to authority as it is now under the relatively liberal regime of the A.F.P.L. (Anti-Fascist People's League).

**CARDINAL SPELLMAN**

San Francisco, April 23. Cardinal Spellman of New York and 13 Catholic prelates departed by "Clipper" plane today for Australia and the centenary celebration of the Roman Catholic Church in Victoria.

The prelates arrived for special Mass this morning from New York. After the celebration they will visit the Orient, returning to the United States in June.

The Committee worked hard, and no statement was ever made of my association with the Government, whom I continued to criticize and attack with increasing severity in other parts of the field.



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# Churchill's Memoirs

## THE STUDY OF AERIAL WARFARE

The possibility of using radio waves scattered back from aircraft and other metal objects seems to have occurred to a very large number of people in England, America, Germany, and France in the 1930s. We talked of them as R.D.F. (Radio Direction Finding) or later as Radar. The practical aim was to discern the approach of hostile aircraft, not by human senses, by eye or ear, but by the echo which they sent back from radio waves.

In June, 1935, Sir Philip Currie-Lister, Lord Swinton as he soon afterwards became, succeeded Lord Londonderry as Air Minister.

One afternoon a month later I was in the smoking-room of the House of Commons when Mr. Baldwin came in. He sat down next to me and said at once: "I have a proposal to make to you. Philip is very anxious that you should join the newly formed Committee of Imperial Defence on Air Defence Research, and I hope you will."

I said I was a critic of our air preparations and must reserve my freedom of action. He said: "That is quite understood. Of course, you will be perfectly free except upon the secret matters you learn only at the Committee."

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Experiments were now tried for finding hostile aircraft after they had come inland. By the end of the year we could track them up to a distance of 33 miles at 10,000 feet. Progress was also being made about ships. It had been proved possible to fix vessels from the air at a range of nine miles.

Two ships of the Home Fleet were already equipped with apparatus for aircraft detection, and experiments were taking place for range-finding on aircraft, for fire control of anti-aircraft guns and for the direction of searchlights. Work proceeded.

By December, 1938, 14 of the 20 new stations planned were operating with temporary equipment. Location of ships from the air was now possible at 30 miles.

By 1939 the Air Ministry, using comparatively long-wave radio (10 metres), had constructed the so-called coastal chain, which enabled us to detect aircraft approaching over the sea at distances up to about 60 miles. An elaborate network of telephonic communication had been installed by Air Marshal Dowding, of Fighter Command, linking all these stations at Uxbridge, where the movements of all aircraft observed could be plotted on large maps, and thus the control of action of all our own air forces maintained.

Apparatus called I.F.F. (Identical Friend or Foe) had also been devised which enabled our coastal chain Radar stations to distinguish British aircraft which carried it from enemy aircraft.

It was found that these long-wave stations did not detect aircraft approaching at low heights over the sea, and as a counter to

this danger a supplementary set of stations called C.H.I. (Chain Stations, Home Service, Lower Cover) was constructed, using much shorter waves (114 metres), but only effective over a shorter range.

To follow enemy aircraft once they had come inland, we had meanwhile to rely upon the Royal Observer Corps, which only operated by ear and eye, but which when linked up with all the telephone exchanges proved of high value, and in the early part of the Battle of Britain was our main foundation.

It was not enough to detect approaching enemy aircraft, over the sea though that gave at least 15 to 20 minutes' warning. We must seek to guide our own aircraft towards the attackers and intercept them over the land.

For this purpose a number of stations with what were called G.C.I. (Ground Control of Interception) were being erected. But all this was still embryonic at the outbreak of war.

The Germans were also busy, and in the spring of 1939 the Graf Zeppelin flew up the East Coast of Britain. General Martini, Director-General of Signals in the Luftwaffe, had arranged

with ranges varying from 50 to 120 miles.

I shall in a later volume explain the way in which by these and other processes known only to a very small circle, the German attack on Britain was parried in the autumn and winter of 1940. There is no doubt that the work of the Air Ministry and the Air Defence Research Committee, both under Lord Swinton and his successor, played the decisive part in procuring this precious reinforcement to our fighter aircraft.

The Germans would not have been surprised to hear our Radar pulses, for they had developed a technically efficient Radar system which was in some respects ahead of our own.

What would have surprised them, however, was the extent to which we had turned our discoveries to practical effect, and woven all into our general air defence system. In this we led the world, and it was operational efficiency rather than novelty of equipment that was the British achievement.

The final meeting of the Air Defence Research Committee took place on July 11, 1939. Twenty Radar stations were at that time in existence between Portsmouth and Scapa Flow, able to detect aircraft flying above 10,000 feet.

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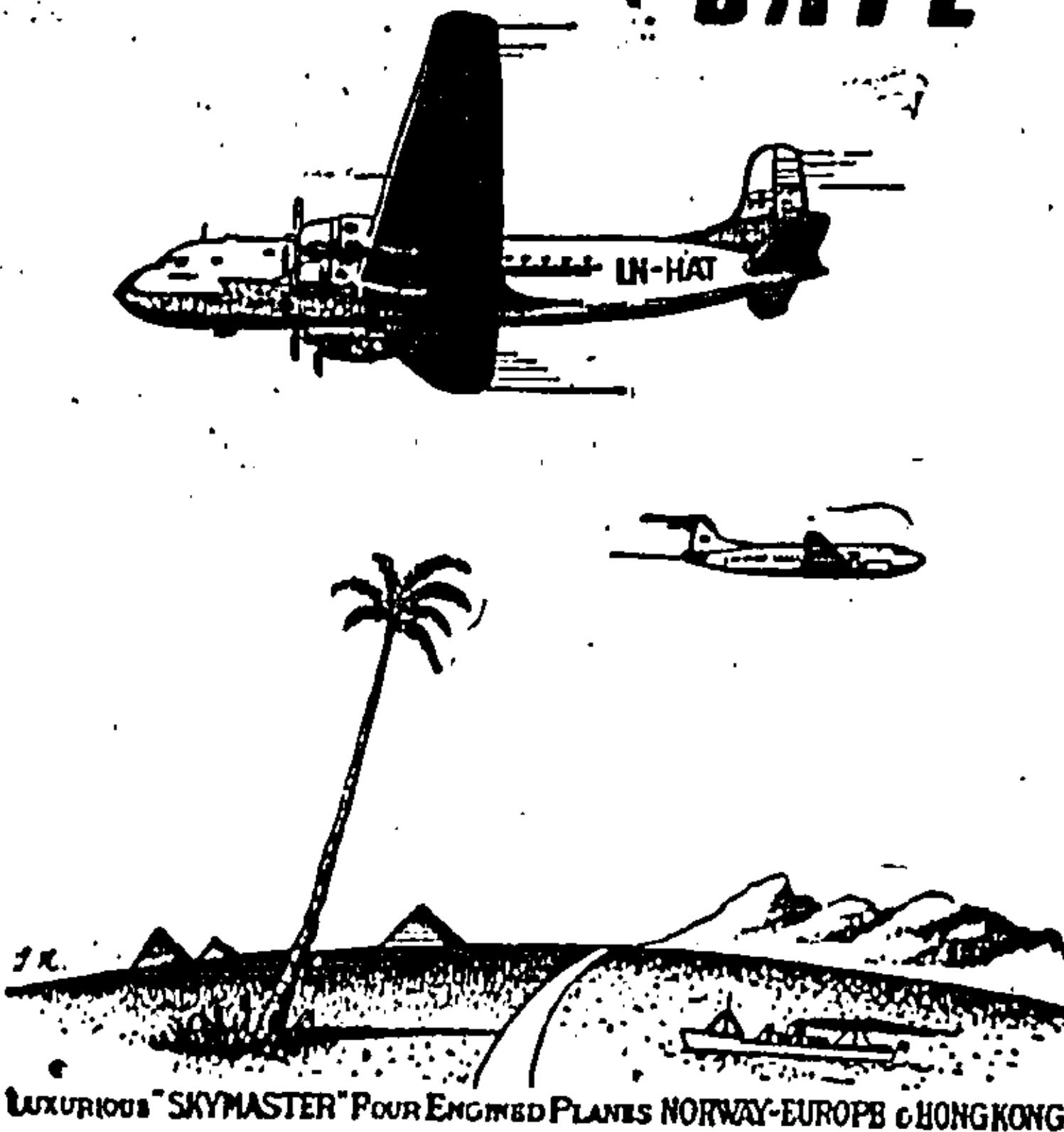
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# Europe Swept By Happiness

## Jubilation Over Results Of The Italian Elections Like A Spring Breeze Tempered By Fears Of War

Happiness at the anti-Communist victory in Italy swept like a spring breeze over Western Europe last week. But the icy dread of a Russo-American war would not melt. Jubilant comments were tempered by two inescapable facts:-

- 1—Thirty per cent of the Italian votes favoured Russia against the West. That was the same percentage polled by the Communists in the last French election.
- 2—America and Russia continued to shoulder each other around in a world that seemed to be growing too small for both of them.

Frenchmen are generally worried by the war dangers. Many think it is only a question of time. They know they would be caught in the middle. The most frequent question put to Americans is: "When will the war begin?"

Nevertheless, most Frenchmen were pleased by the Italian election—more than by anything since the liberation. Italy's election blighted Communist hopes in France, at least temporarily. A Communist Deputy in the Assembly who started a harangue against the Government on a controversial school bill was quickly silenced by Maurice Thorez, No. 1 Communist in France.

Many observers believe the election has given the moderate French Government of Robert Schuman a longer life. The popularity of General Charles de Gaulle is still high and perhaps gaining. But the time has passed when all France expected that some blunder by the Schuman Government would bring him to power with his plans for "settling party differences for the good of France."

There is some evidence of greater patience with the financial and economic measures the Schuman Government is taking in an effort to balance the budget and halve the rise in prices. Prices of food stuffs are still rising, but not so fast as they were. There is a tough six weeks ahead. Winter stores of vegetables and frozen meat have largely run out. The next harvest has not yet come in. But interim aid and Marshall Plan food have been rolling in from America, and that has helped.

A severe blow to Communist efforts to exploit the Government's troubles came in the division within the ranks of the French Federation of Labour, long a Communist stronghold. It is still Communist, but the "Workers' Force" which broke away from it with part of the membership is trying to be more patient.

But if they keep their following, the leaders of this new group must begin hammering for cheaper food if relief does not come soon. Prices have climbed 20 per cent since the first of the year.

From other capitals of Europe came these comments on the Italian elections:

**Germany**  
Berlin.—Anti-Communist leaders say the Communist loss in Italy will greatly strengthen resistance to Communism in Germany, even in the Russian occupation zone. Germans said the Italian elections were the second great blow to Communism in the postwar era. The first was the defeat of the Communist-led Socialist Unity Party in the Berlin municipal elections.

**Britain**  
London.—British political and diplomatic chiefs expect Italy's anti-Communist elections will strengthen the European Union by adding soon a new partner, Italy, to the present five-nation alliance. Anti-Communist feeling in Britain has been mounting ever since the Czechoslovakian coup.

**Sweden**  
Stockholm.—Key members of the Swedish Parliament said the election was "generally regarded with great relief as a stabilisation factor in the international field and consequently as a very welcome thing to Sweden." The country still appeared determined to avoid entangling alliances.

**Finland**  
Helsinki.—Finnish Socialists felt that the success of the independent Socialists in Italy demonstrated that the anti-Communist stand of Finland's Socialists was wise. Spokesman for all parties doubted the elections were the last round in the fight for Italy.

**Norway**  
Oslo.—Norwegian observers feel that the Italian elections helped to prove that Communism will not spread outside the shadow of the Red Army.

**And Italy**  
Rome.—Prime Minister Alcide de Gasperi, aware that his

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### "Nothing To It"

Washington, Apr. 24. A State Department spokesman today denied reports in the press that an unofficial mission might be sent to Moscow presumably to discuss American and Soviet differences. He said Marshall Plan money would build irrigation projects. Associated Press.

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"There is nothing to it," he said.—Reuter.

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## Italian Communists Backed Down

Milan, Apr. 24. Communists apparently backed down on Saturday on their announced plan to defy the Government with an outdoor parade on Sunday, the third anniversary of Italy's liberation.

Instead, the Communist newspaper "L'Unita" said they would participate in a demonstration approved by the Municipal Council on Friday night and which will be held in a large, interior courtyard of the historic Sforzesco Castle.

## Soviet Fairy Tale?

London, Apr. 24. Berlin Radio said tonight that the American control officer at Berlin's central office for the security of aviation has been dismissed for "acting in a tactless manner towards his colleagues, the representatives of the three other occupation powers," and for delaying the passing on of information about the approach of American aircraft to Berlin.

Berlin Radio, which is Russian-controlled, said Colonel Thorow-withheld information intentionally and tried to induce his colleagues in the central office to "adopt a similar attitude."

Several were doing so but had not been dismissed, the radio declared, adding:

"One of them recently alleged a Soviet aircraft had flown over the British airfield of Gatow, but an examination of the case by the technical chief control officer showed the aircraft was not of Soviet or American origin."—Reuter.

## "Legally Justified"

London, Apr. 24. The Russian magazine "New Times" said today the Soviet Union has legal justification for not drawing up a peace treaty for Japan, according to a Moscow Radio broadcast.

The magazine charged that Secretary of State Marshall's written testimony submitted at the Oshima trial in Tokyo stated that Japan had not cooperated with the Berlin axis.

"Claims to the effect that the Japanese did not conspire with Hitlerite Germany were noted as legal justification for abandoning the principles of the Potsdam Declaration in drawing up a peace treaty for Japan," the "New Times" said.—United Press.

**Mosley And Pirow Get Together**

London, Apr. 24. Oswald Pirow, Chairman of the South African New Order Movement, said today that he and Sir Oswald Mosley intended to form a new political party, to be known as the "Enemies of the Soviet Union."

Pirow made this statement before leaving London by air for Madrid. He would not say why he was going there.

Sir Oswald Mosley, formerly leader of the British Union of Fascists, was interned during the war. He and Pirow have been holding discussions in the country for some days.—Reuter.

## Transport Planes For China

Shanghai, Apr. 25. The first two C-46 transport aeroplanes of a group of 150 purchased by the Chinese Air Force from American surplus stores in the Pacific area arrived in Shanghai yesterday afternoon.

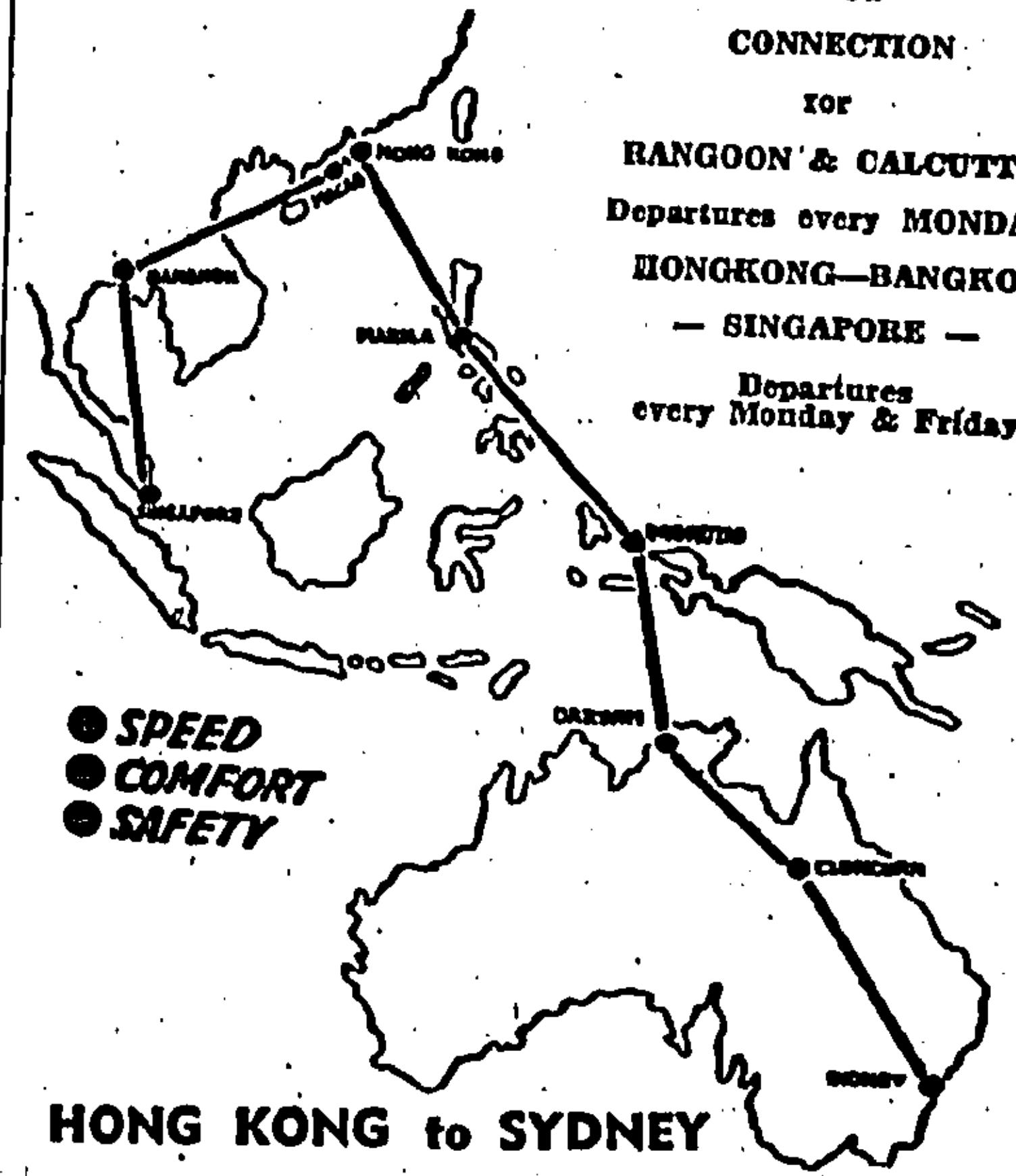
American crews ferried the aircraft to Shanghai from the United States. Reports from the United States indicated the Chinese Air Force bought surplus air transports at approximately US\$5,000 each, or 1/10th of their original value.

The order for the 150 transports followed an earlier purchase of 150 "Mosquito" light-bombers from the Canadian Government.

Chinese Air Force officers here indicated the C-46s now being delivered to Shanghai will be formed into an air transport group supplementing the existing Air Transport Group 1 of the Chinese Air Force.—Reuter.

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THE CHINA MAIL MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1948.

# "THE FIGHT FOR PEACE" COMINFORM EXPECTED TO SHOW ITS HAND

London, Apr. 24.  
Informed political observers forecast today that the Cominform will greatly extend its activities during the next two weeks under the slogan of "Fight for Peace."

The first symptom in this direction, the observers said, was the joint statement published today by five Western European Communist Parties condemning the Western Union Treaty of Brussels. The four Communist Parties involved—those of Britain, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—so far have not participated in any Cominform activities officially.

The joint declaration might foreshadow the re-establishment of a new form of Western European secretariat of the Comintern similar to the former Western European secretariat which used to issue statements and launch actions on a regional scale, and which did not directly concern Comintern sections in other parts of the world.

Observers expect the Cominform to show its cards at the World Federation of Trade Unions executive meeting starting in Rome next weekend.

The Communist faction of the 22-min. strong WFTU Executive Committee will include personalities intimately connected with each other for the past 20 years in the high councils of the Comintern, such as Benoî Franchen of France, Antonín Zapotocký of Czechoslovakia and Giuseppe di Vittorio of Italy.

Colonial representatives at the Rome meeting will likewise be Communists, and the non-Communist Western trade unions will represent just over one-third of the executive members.

## Dual Offensive

The Soviet delegation is expected to let Russia's satellites fight the vanguard action, since Balkan representative Gjuro Saloy, chairman of Yugoslav trade unions, will take the initiative in a dual offensive against "Anglo-American intervention in Greece" and "conditions in Portugal."

A meeting of Balkan trade unionists recently held in Sofia empowered Saloy to demand in Rome that the WFTU should openly support the British Chemical Workers' Union today.

Saloy also was asked to submit a resolution recommending that WFTU instruct American and British affiliated unions to demand from their Governments the "withdrawal of foreign troops and armaments from Greece."

## Portugal

Another resolution presented by the Balkan trade unions focusses attention on the trade union situation in Portugal and pledges "assistance to Portuguese workers in their struggle against the dictatorship of Dr. Salazar."

Western trade union circles believe the Communist executive members will exploit the "Portuguese question" to launch a general attack on the Marshall Plan on account of Portugal's participation in ERP.

Four-power disagreements on Germany will be reflected in a discussion on the German trade union movement and its affiliation with WFTU. German trade unionists have been invited for the discussion but only the unions of the Soviet zone will attend.

An item on the agenda—"The trade union situation in Japan"—will offer an opportunity to challenge Gen. Douglas MacArthur's policies.

More important than the discussions on any single country is believed to be the general debate on "Administration and policy of the WFTU," where the West and East may clash so violently on questions of principle that the danger of a split may become very real.

## Mystery Planes Impounded

Rhodes, Apr. 24.  
The four British-registered four-engined aircraft which landed here from Italy a fortnight ago to refuel are to be impounded and the crews sent back to Britain and the United States. It was disclosed today that the aircraft were not for delivery to Australia, as stated by the crews. The pilots were suspected of attempting to fly the aircraft to Palestine for the Jewish Air Force.

The seven American and three British fliers may be allowed to return to Britain as they started the flight there, as an alternative to repatriation.—Reuter.

Frankfurt, Apr. 24.  
Hermann Trotta, author of the Nazi pamphlet "Winston Churchill—the greatest criminal," was sentenced today by a demobilization court to 160 days of hard labour and probation to do other menial labour for six years. The trial was under the American zone law.—Reuter.

## U.S. Share

As China's chief creditor and technical adviser, the United States must share directly in the overall management of that country's new industries, Hsu said. "The United States, as a power with no imperialistic record, will be in the most favourable position to exert influence over the questions of both political stability and union development," he said.—Associated Press.

## FENCE IN MIDDLE OF ROOM

Nashville, Tenn., Apr. 25.  
Harlan Roscoe Hand has erected a fence against his mother-in-law—right down the middle of a room.

Hand claimed in court that everytime his wife's mother, Mrs. Nola Meyer, came visiting there was trouble.

Normally, Hand testified, his married life was very happy. He said he would like to keep it that way.

Hand got an injunction restraining his visiting mother-in-law to a back room. He said he put up the fence to enforce the court order which designated one section of the house as Mrs. Meyer's other Hand's.

The fence was built with a small gate so the Hand children could go calling on grandmother whenever they liked.—Associated Press.

## Nationalisation Of I.G. Farben Urged

London, Apr. 24.  
The nationalisation of the I.G. Farben industry in Germany was urged by the British Chemical Workers' Union today.

The General Secretary of the Union alleged that an American banker had an office in Cologne where "American monopolies were busily engaged in buying up from starving Germans their shares in the I.G. Farben industries."

"We should see to it that this great combine should never again be in a position to control the chemical trade of the world with their restrictive practices and menace the peace of the world by their sinister support of military aggression."—Reuter.

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Kashikawa admitted the police are having a pretty tough time trying to break up these gangs of "blood drinkers."—United Press.

## WHAT CHINA NEEDS TO COUNTERACT REDS

Evanston, Ill., Apr. 24.  
A non-militaristic opposition force created among the people through industrialisation and labour unions is what China needs to counteract Communism, a Northwestern University scholar said today.

Francis L. K. Hsu, assistant Professor of Anthropology, warned that American aid to China will be "millions poured down a rat hole" unless a constructive programme of industrialisation is promoted by it.

Upon such a programme, he said, depends the end of China's civil war, pre-vision of another world conflict.

Hsu said the people of China, after centuries of domination by corrupt bureaucrats, and offered only the alternative of armed Communism, need a peaceful force to weld them together. Such a force would be unionism.

"Labour unionism," he said, "will be one of the main forces with which to check the profits and power of the industrialists on the one hand, and of the corrupt bureaucracy on the other."

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## "Prophet Elijah" Dead

Durham, Maine, April 24.  
The man who claimed to be the prophet Elijah and who made a prophecy that the world would come to an end in 1907 has died.

He was Frank Weston Sandford, 80, head of a religious society called "The Holy Ghost." He died in Massachusetts, according to his followers here; they refused to say exactly when or where.

The bearded, purple-robed Sandford retired into obscurity in 1919 but the society kept on operating on a 4,000-acre estate.—United Press.

## Toasts Drunk In Blood

Tokyo, Apr. 24.  
Tokyo gangsters bind their agreements with toasts in blood and cut off their fingers when they displease their leaders.

"These are regular and current practices, not tales out of pages of history," explained Goro Kashikawa today. Kashikawa has had 50 years in the Criminal Investigation Section of the Tokyo Police Board.

"For example, these toasts in blood are part of a ceremony in connection with the admission of a new member to a gang."

"Admission of a new member is solemnised by an exchange of cups with the boss and fellow gangsters. The cup does not contain wine but contains the blood of those participating in the ceremony."

"The quantity of blood drunk is determined by the status of the drinker, seniors drinking half a cup, juniors a quarter and so on down the line," he said.

Kashikawa said in this case the "toast in blood" signifies the newcomer's pledge to adhere unconditionally to the "Ting"—the unwritten code of ethics of the Japanese underworld. Under this code, a member is bound to unconditional loyalty to his gang and absolute obedience to his boss.

"A gang member who has incurred the displeasure of his boss through negligence or mistake will demonstrate his repentance by cutting off part of a finger," said Kashikawa. "The amputated piece is carefully and formally wrapped in paper and is placed on a tray and offered to the boss by an intermediary."

Paternal Relations

Kashikawa said some gangland bosses have as many as 15 executives, 25 supervisors and 1,000 employees. The boss is under obligation to look after his flock as a father must look after his family. Members of a gang are extremely loyal to their leaders and will often take prison sentences and other punishment ordered for the bosses.

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Guessed Right, Wins A Million

Rome, Apr. 24.  
Communist Luigi Prato, owner of a small shot factory in northern Italy, tonight was named the winner of the "Totolotto" lottery for guessing the outcome of the national elections.

A campaign worker for the Communist Front, Prato came closest to predicting the percentage of the Christian Democratic triumph. The amount of the Totolotto pool has not yet been computed but some estimate ran as high as 60,000,000 lire—nearly US\$1,000,000.

Reports from Prato's home town of Valenza, east of Turin, said he left home immediately after being notified of his good luck in order to flee the throngs who rushed his house to congratulate him and suggest quick investments for his winnings.—United Press.

## U.S. Army Censorship Of News

Frankfurt, Apr. 24.  
The U.S. Army in Europe today gave its officers the right to withhold from news correspondents unclassified material which they consider "not of public interest" or of a privileged nature."

The authorization was contained in a directive dated April 9th which says being distributed to U.S. Army commands in Europe. It claims the right to censor news for other than security reasons.

Col. David M. Fowler, U.S. European Army Public Information Chief, said the Army would decide what news is in the public interest.—United Press.

Berne, Apr. 24.  
Police used tear gas to disperse a women's procession and arrested 30 demonstrators tonight.

About 150 of the women belonging to the Communist wing of Andhra Mahila Sangham (a women's association) defied a 30-day ban on meetings and processions in Berne, Madras.

A conference of the Andhra Mahila Sangham, due to be held today, was also banned.—Reuter.



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**NO CHINESE TROOPS TO BE SENT TO PALESTINE Simplified Formula Before UNO****Shinwell Statement**

Newcastle upon-Tyne, April 24.

Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, War Minister, said here today that he could put all doubts about the Palestine mandate at rest by saying that it was the Government's determination to allow the mandate to expire on May 15.

"It might have been better to remain if both sides had been in a conciliatory mood and prepared to settle their differences over the conference table, but in view of their attitude it is better to go," he added.—Reuter.

The Chinese delegation to the United Nations states categorically that there has been no negotiation with the United States delegation in New York regarding the possible use of Chinese troops for enforcement of a trusteeship in Palestine."

China made it clear today there is no question of using Chinese troops for the enforcement of a trusteeship in Palestine. The Chinese delegation to the United Nations issued a formal statement, saying—

"The Chinese delegation to the United Nations states categorically that there has been no negotiation with the United States delegation in New York regarding the possible use of Chinese troops for enforcement of a trusteeship in Palestine."

The United States delegation meanwhile agreed on a simplified formula to put the United Nations on record in favour of a trusteeship.

A spokesman for the delegation said the new strategy would follow these general lines:

1—The United States would first try to get the 68-nation Political Committee to agree that the UNO would become the responsible authority in Palestine when the British mandate ends on May 15.

2—If the Committee accepts this principle, the U.S. then would seek an agreement that a trusteeship is the only type of United Nations rule provided for in the UNO Charter.

3—With these basic issues decided, the Assembly could get down to work on the details of a trusteeship plan.

This could follow the lines laid down in the US working paper

now before the delegates, or it could be a simplified stop-gap plan to be used until a long term scheme could be worked out.

With the end of the British mandate only three weeks away, time is the big element in the Palestine discussions, which continued over the weekend. As a result, there was an increasing tendency to concentrate on emergency action.

This trend was reflected both in the Security Council's decision last night to set up a three-nation Palestine truce commission and in the Political Committee's effort to give top priority to a French move to safeguard the holy places of Jerusalem.

The truce commission—composed of the United States, France, and Belgium—is expected to begin discussions on Monday with Jewish and Arab representatives in an effort to get them to observe the Security Council's cease-fire order of April 17.

The Political Committee is expected to give quick approval to the French proposal which calls on the UNO Trusteeship Council to recommend an emergency security plan to protect Jerusalem.

Efforts, meanwhile, are continuing in Washington to line up trusteeship support—especially military backing—in London and other world capitals. The US spokesman here said he could not disclose which countries, besides Britain and France, are being consulted regarding troops to enforce the trusteeship scheme.—Associated Press.

General Lucius Clay today reaffirmed his promise that American planes would continue to fly in and out of Berlin despite repeated Soviet demands for strict curtailment of air traffic over the Russian zone.

The U.S. Military Governor told a press conference: "We will abide by the Four-Power safety regulations governing the air corridor and will continue to use the air corridor."

Gen. Clay arrived here from London on Friday night. He will return to London on Monday morning to participate in Five-Power talks on Western Germany—which started this week.

Clay said he received no communication from the Russians outlining the demands voiced in the Russian-licensed press for increased controls of the air corridor over the Soviet zone.

He said "I do not hold out much hope" for breaking the deadlock of the three-week old Russian traffic regulations.

Discussing offers to fly Army dependents home at Government expense before their spouses' tour of duty here is completed, Clay said:

"Anybody who feels isolated or nervous over here ought to go home...Personally I would just as soon not have nervous people around."

He said the new Russian trade regulations were unilateral and could be discussed outside the Control Council as well as in it.—United Press.

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Although Clay said "I do not see any currency reform for all Germany now," he quickly added, "There is no approved plan for separate currency reform in Western Germany at this moment."

"We would (order separate currency reform) with great regret but would do so if we felt it necessary," Clay continued.

He said he still received no request from one of the other Allies for a meeting of the Allied Control Council and still he did not have any reason himself to call one.

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